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WHAT'S NEWS IN THE MARKETS?

(USDA Food Bulletin for the week ended March 2, 1951)

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 27--- In the fruit department, the week's Best Buys are avocados, cranberries, and Arizona grapefruit.

Winter Nelis and D'Anjou pears are a Good Buy, while Watsonville Newtown apples are classed as a Fair Buy.

Parsnips and sweet potatoes are the only Best Buys in vegetables this week, but there are a number of Good Buys, including celery, lettuce, rhubarb, broccoli and Brussels sprouts.

Fair Buys are carrots, artichokes and peas.

MEAT

Meat prices are unchanged from a week ago in the San Francisco wholesale market, but in the beef division Good and Choice grades of steer beef are selling at the top of the price range, as are Good chucks, briskets and plates. Fresh pork carcasses also are selling at the top of the price range. Slaughter has been curtailed considerably due to higher replacement costs on live animals and fixed prices on dressed meat. However, with the exception of pork cuts -- which have been in fairly broad demand -- the demand for meat has been mostly on a day to day basis.

BUTTER --

Declining butter prices in eastern markets and increased production nationally have made for a somewhat unsettled market locally. However, prices are unchanged from a week ago in the San Francisco wholesale market. Quotations to retailers are: Grades A&A(1st Quality), $77\frac{1}{2}$ to $78\frac{1}{2}$ cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints; Grade B(2nd Quality), 75 to $76\frac{1}{2}$ cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints.

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EGGS --

All Grade "A" eggs are up 2 cents from last week. Lower prices in eastern and central western markets are resulting in heavier supplies moving to California. A large percentage, though, are for the armed forces. At any rate, supplies are adequate for the good demand. Quotations to retailers are: Grade "A" Large, 56 to 57 cents per dozen in cartons; Grade "A" Mediums, 55 to 56 cents; and Grade "A" Smalls, 46 to 47 cents.

POULTRY --

Liberal supplies of broilers are in very little demand and have dropped 1-cent per pound in the San Francisco wholesale market. The supply of fryers is ample for demand, but there are not enough roasters for full needs. Prices, though, on these two classes are unchanged from a week ago. With offerings of hens limited and demand very good, prices have advanced 2 cents on all weights of light-type hens. All other classes are unchanged.

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WHAT'S NEWS IN THE MARKETS?

(USDA Food Bulletin for the week ended March 9, 1951)

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SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 6--- Best Buys in fruit this week are medium-sized
Watsonville Newtown apples, avocados, and Arizona grapefruit.

Good Buys include D'Anjou and Winter Nolis pears and dates.

Among the vegetables, the Best Buys this week are parsnips and sweet potatoes.

Good Buys are celery, lettuce, rhubarb, cauliflower.

In the Fair Buy class are artichokes, celery root, and peas.

MEAT --

High replacement costs on livestock resulted in another week of very light slaughter in the San Francisco wholesale market---25 percent less cattle, 15 percent fewer hogs, and a volume of sheep and lambs 30 percent below mid-January. In the beef division, where mid-western offerings have been curtailed sharply, deliveries to most retailers and jobbers have been on a day-to-day basis. Demand, though, has been light, and even though prices have edged upward somewhat on beef, prices on other classes generally have held unchanged from a week ago.

BUTTER --

Top grades of butter have held unchanged in price from a week ago, but Grade B(2nd Quality) butter has dropped 3 cents to a quotation to retailers of 72 to 73½ cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints. Grade A(1st Quality) is still quoted to retailers at 77½ to 78½ cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints. Factors in the price drop are increased production, moderate demand and ample supplies.

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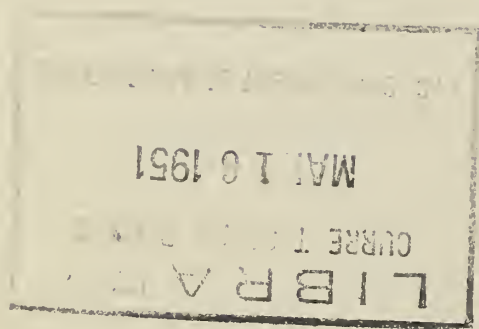
EGGS --

Higher prices in eastern and mid-western markets, together with widespread adverse weather, have resulted in a 2-cent-per-dozen price gain on all Grade "A" eggs in the San Francisco wholesale market. Demand continues very good, and supplies of all grades are clearing readily. Quotations to retailers are: Grade "A" Large, 58 to 59 cents per dozen in cartons; Grade "A" Mediums, 57 to 58 cents; and Grade "A" Smalls, 48 to 49 cents.

POULTRY --

Poultry prices are little changed from a week ago. Roasters and hens are in good demand, with both heavy hens and roasters advancing 1-cent per pound. Broilers are in ample supply but very little demand at unchanged prices. All other classes are in moderate demand, with no change in prices.

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SAN FRANCISCO, March 13--- Rated as Best Buys in fruit this week are avocados, Arizona grapefruit, and D'Anjou pears.

Good Buys include Watsonville Newtown apples and dates.

From the vegetable bin the week's Best Buys are cauliflower, peas from San Luis Obispo county, parsnips, and sweet potatoes.

In the Good Buy class are carrots, lettuce, celery and spinach.

Asparagus is now considered a Fair Buy, along with artichokes.

MEAT ---

Generally speaking, the supply situation has not been too good this past week in the San Francisco wholesale meat market. Although there have been some shipments of beef and veal from the mid-west, practically no pork has come in from the mid-west, and local slaughter has been relatively light. With the Army Quartermaster Corps taking considerable heavyweight beef, supplies have been insufficient for demand. Good and Choice lamb has been scarce also. All offal items have been short of demand. Prices, though, have held practically unchanged from a week ago.

BUTTER ---

Higher prices on the west coast have attracted shipments from the mid-west, so that supplies of butter are adequate and prices are down 2 cents below a week ago in the San Francisco wholesale market. Grades A&AA(1st Quality) are quoted to retailers at $75\frac{1}{2}$ to $76\frac{1}{2}$ cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints, and Grade B(2nd Quality) is quoted to retailers at 70 to $71\frac{1}{2}$ cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints.

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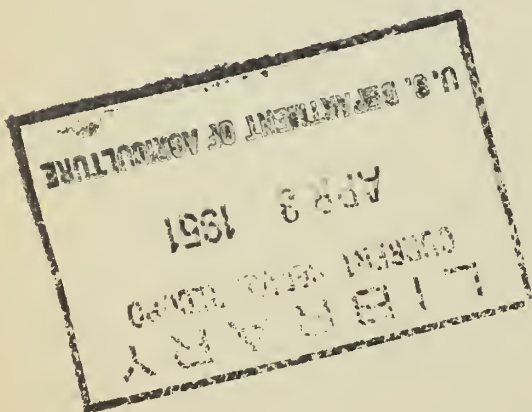
EGGS --

Although receipts of eggs from local areas are below normal for this time of year, mid-western shipments have been used readily to supplement the tight supplies. Demand continues good at prices 1 to 2 cents lower than a week ago. Grade "A" Large eggs are quoted 1-cent per dozen lower to retailers at 57 to 58 cents, as are Grade "A" Smalls at 47 to 48 cents per dozen in cartons. Grade "A" Mediums are down 2 cents at a quotation of 55 to 56 cents per dozen in cartons.

POULTRY --

Variation in supply and demand in the wholesale poultry market has resulted in few price changes. Liberal supplies of broilers are in little demand and have dropped 2 cents per pound on dressed weights, while light-type hens weighing over 4 pounds have gained 1-cent per pound. Heavy hens and limited supplies of roasters are in very good demand but unchanged in price.

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(USDA Food Bulletin for the week ended March 23, 1951)

SAN FRANCISCO, March 20--- Best Buys in fruit are the same as last week --
avocados, Arizona grapefruit, and D'Anjou pears.

Good Buys this week include bananas, Newtown Pippin apples and dates.

Best Buys in vegetables also are unchanged from last week. They are:
cauliflower, peas, parsnips and sweet potatoes.

Asparagus is rated as a Good Buy this week, along with carrots, lettuce
and celery.

Artichokes and spinach are classed as Fair Buys.

MEAT --

Warmer weather resulted in a slow demand for meat in the San Francisco
wholesale market last week, but slaughter was light on cattle, calves, hogs,
and lambs, and prices held practically unchanged. In the beef division, the
average quality of steer beef ranged from Commercial to Good grade, while
cow beef was scarce. Lightweight lamb also was scarce, and all offal items
were proportioned among customers. Prices widened downward on pork loins,
with the low-side of the price range dropping \$2.00 to \$4.00 per hundredweight
and the top-side declining \$1.00 to \$2.00.

BUTTER ---

In the wholesale butter market, supplies of all grades are ample for
demand. For the week ended March 15, western butter production scored a gain
of 3 per cent over the previous week, but was still 29 per cent below the
same period a year ago. Prices are little changed. Grades A&AA(1st Quality)
have dropped 1-cent to a quotation to retailers of $74\frac{1}{2}$ to $75\frac{1}{2}$ cents per pound
in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints. Grade B(2nd Quality) remains unchanged at 70
to $71\frac{1}{2}$ cents.

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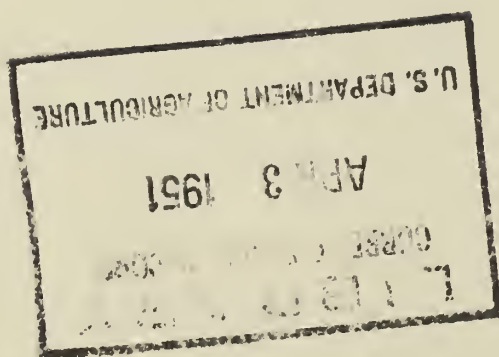
EGGS --

Eggs have continued in good demand, but supplies have been ample. With the exception of Grade "A" Smalls, which are up 3 cents above a week ago, Grade "A" eggs are unchanged in price. Quotations to retailers are: Grade "A" Large, 57 to 58 cents per dozen in cartons; Grade "A" Mediums, 55 to 56 cents; and Grade "A" Smalls, 50 to 51 cents.

POULTRY --

No startling changes in the wholesale poultry market. Supplies of most classes are ample, and there's very little change in prices from a week ago. Light-type hens weighing over 4 pounds have dropped 1-cent per pound on dressed weights, while old roosters have gained 1 to 2 cents. All other classes are unchanged. The demand for fryers and roasters ranges from fair to good. Other classes are in moderate demand.

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(USDA Food Bulletin for the week ended March 30, 1951)

SAN FRANCISCO, March 27---Best Buys in fruit this week include avocados, Arizona grapefruit, D'Anjou pears and dates.

Good Buys are Watsonville Newtown Pippin apples, bananas and tangerines.

Among the vegetables, the week's Best Buys are cauliflower, peas, parsnips, and carrots.

In the Good Buy line-up are celery, asparagus, sweet potatoes and spinach.

Lettuce is a Fair Buy.

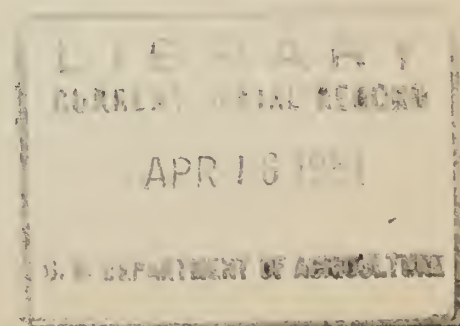
MEAT --

Generally, the supply of fresh meats has been light in the San Francisco wholesale market this past week. Demand, though, has been only slow to fair, and prices have held unchanged on all classes. Poultry and pork products have been in most demand.

BUTTER --

Although there has been little demand for butter in the wholesale market, stocks are not considered burdensome and prices are unchanged from a week ago. Western butter production for the week ended March 22 was only slightly below the previous week, but was 31 percent below a year ago. Quotations to retailers are: Grades A&AA(1st Quality), $74\frac{1}{2}$ to $75\frac{1}{2}$ cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints; Grade B(2nd Quality), 70 to $71\frac{1}{2}$ cents.

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EGGS --

The San Francisco wholesale egg market has been somewhat unsettled because of sharp price declines in eastern and central western markets. Local egg production is lagging, but shipments of mid-western eggs have been readily absorbed in retail channels. Prices are unchanged from a week ago, with Grade "A" Large quoted to retailers at 57 to 58 cents per dozen in cartons; Grade "A" Mediums at 55 to 56 cents; and Grade "A" Smalls at 50 to 51 cents.

POULTRY --

Supplies of all classes of poultry are ample for the rather slow demand. Broilers are down 1-cent per pound below a week ago on dressed weights, and roasters are up 1-cent. All other classes remain unchanged.

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